

mendations for improving such conditions on both the town and neighborhood level.) Maiden has the authority to establish a Housing Authority to administer a housing program (N.C. General Statutes, Chapter 157), and there are provisions for support of such a program from the Federal Government (i.e., grants and loans for planning, construction, management, etc.).

THE STREET SYSTEM

US 321 carries a heavy traffic volume through Maiden, and this is apparently continuing to increase. It carried an average daily count of 5,500 vehicles in 1967 near its intersection with SR 1855 (Little Mountain Road) in eastern Maiden. This count was 5,300 vehicles per day at the same point in 1966. This same highway (Main Street in downtown Maiden) carried, in 1967, 6,700 vehicles daily near its turn north on Carolina Street, compared with 5,450 vehicles daily near this point in 1966. At the northern edge of town the count was 4,950 vehicles per day in 1967 and 4,150 vehicles per day in 1966. With a suggested practical capacity of 5,700-8,200 vehicles/day for this type facility, US 321 through Maiden is fast approaching the need for one-way traffic or complete removal of parking.*

*Based on North Carolina State Highway Commission recommendations for typical capacities with 10% of the 24-hour volume during peak hours.